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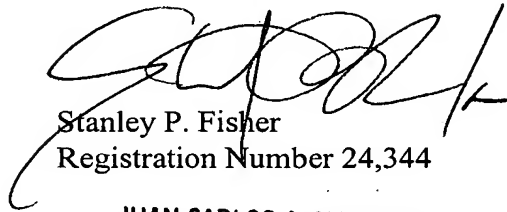
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- (1) "A flow identification method using content addressable memory"  
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